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Appl. No. 09/402,488  
Amdt. Dated March 3, 2004  
Reply to Office action of September 17, 2003

Appl. No. : 09/402,488 Confirmation No.: 6010  
Applicant : Maurice M. Moloney,  
Joenel Alcantara and Gijs van Rooijen  
Filed : February 16, 2000  
Title : Method for Producing and Cleaving a Fusion  
Protein with an N-Terminal Chymosin Pro-Peptide (Amended)  
TC./A.U. : 1652  
Examiner : David J. Steadman  
  
Docket No. : 9369-98  
Customer No. : 001059

**AFTER FINAL**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**BY FACSIMILE****AMENDMENT**

Sir:

The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated September 17, 2003 and the Advisory Action. We are simultaneously submitting a petition for a three month extension of time rendering the deadline for response March 17, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.